Report on Toxins in Food

1304. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a report on toxins in food was buried for ten years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No such report on Toxins in food stated has been buried for ten years by the Government.

However, the report of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Surveillance of Food Contaminants in Indian prepared on the basis of a Multi-centric Study carried out from 1986 to 1993 was not found to be accurate in the analysis interpretation, conclusions drawn and the method of reporting. Accordingly the report was withdrawn by ICMR in 1994.

Traditional knowledge digital library project

1305. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CD comprising Ayurvedic formulations was released in October, 2003 in project Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL), funded by ISM&H, at National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (CSIR);

(b) if so, the number of Ayurvedic formulations contained in CD;

(c) whether TKDL project for documenting 35,000 ayurvedic formulations was likely to be completed by December, 2002 and website operational by September, 2002;

(d) if so, the number of ayurvedic formulations completed as on today;

(e) the status of website and the number of ayurvedic formulations available/transcribed in website;

(f) the reasons for dealy for implementing TKDL; and